

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in this Application. Claims 1-20 have been rejected in an office action dated June 15, 2005. Claims 1, 4, 8-10, 12-15, and 18 have been amended not for reasons of patentability but for consistency with the terms used in the specification.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-20 were rejected under Section 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,801,330 issued to Klosterman. A claim is anticipated if, and only if, each and every element as set forth in the claim can be found expressly or inherently in a single piece of prior art.

Claim 1 is directed to a method for selecting a print driver and recites the following acts:

1. receiving information corresponding to a print task, wherein the print task exhibits a document type;
2. determining the document type for the print task; and
3. selecting a page description language driver based upon the document type that is to be used to convert the information corresponding to the print task such that after conversion the information corresponding to the print task exhibits a page description language of the selected page description language driver.

Rejecting Claim 1, the Examiner argues that these limitations are all taught by Klosterman. To the contrary, Klosterman describes a method in which an application (8) loads a driver (10). The driver (10) include code for translating information from the application (8) to one of a number of page description languages (12). The application (8) is assigned to a particular one page description language (12). Once the driver (10) is loaded, the operating system discovers the application (8) that loaded the driver (10) so that the PDL (12) assigned to that

application (8) can be selected for use by the driver (10). *See, e.g.,* Klosterman, col. 1, line 64 through col. 2, line 37.

Klosterman plainly does not teach or suggest the selecting of a driver based upon a determined document type. Klosterman simply states that a driver (10) is loaded by an application (8). Klosterman mentions nothing of selecting driver (10) based upon any criteria whatsoever. Klosterman simply teaches that its preloaded driver (10) implements a page description language (12) that has been assigned to the application (8) that loaded the driver (10).

For at least these reasons, Claim 1 and Claims 2-8, which depend from Claim 1, are patentable over Klosterman.

Claim 9 is directed to an adaptive print driver system that comprises a page description language driver selection system. That selection system is configured to:

1. receive information corresponding to a print task, wherein the print task has a document type;
2. determine the document type for the print task; and
3. select a page description language driver based upon the document type that is to be used to convert the information corresponding to the print task to information corresponding to the print task exhibiting a page description language of the selected page description language driver.

As with Claim 1, Klosterman simply states that a driver (10) is loaded by an application (8). Klosterman mentions nothing of determining a driver that is to be used based upon a received document type. Klosterman simply teaches that its preloaded driver (10) implements a page description language (12) that has been assigned to the application (8) that loaded the driver (10).

For at least these reasons, Claim 9 and Claims 10-17, which depend from Claim 9, are patentable over Klosterman.

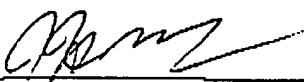
Claim 18 is directed to computer readable medium that includes logic for

implementing the method of Claim 1. For at least the same reasons Claim 1 is patentable over Klosterman, so are Claim 18 and Claims 19 and 20 which depend from Claim 18.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-20 are felt to be in condition for allowance. Consequently, early and favorable action allowing these claims and passing the application to issue is earnestly solicited. The foregoing is believed to be a complete response to the outstanding Office Action.

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